

myeloma, which has translated better therapies, prolonged remission rates for cancer survivors and improved the quality of life for many of his patients. Moreover, his commitment may ultimately lead to a cure for the most challenging and misunderstood of all cancers.

On May 8, 2004, Dr. Barlogie was awarded the International Myeloma Foundation's Second Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award. This award, which is being given for only the second time, recognizes the significant and revolutionary work of his professional career. This award follows an already long and distinguished line of accomplishments.

Arkansas was well on its way to becoming the center for myeloma clinical research and treatment when Dr. Barlogie accepted the position of director of hematology/oncology, and director of research at the Arkansas Cancer Research Center, (ACRC), at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, (UAMS), and founding director of the Myeloma and Transplantation Research Center, MTRC, within the ACRC. His research team has developed innovative and comprehensive approaches to the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma. Because of his leadership role in the area of myeloma research and treatment, he was named the first director of a newly established Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy.

During Dr. Barlogie's 15-year tenure at UAMS, more myeloma patients have been treated in Arkansas than anywhere else in the world. Yet, despite his gains in this area, myeloma continues to affect thousands. This year, approximately 15,000 Americans will be diagnosed with myeloma. Looking to the future, Dr. Barlogie envisions a satellite-based intensive training program which will reach physicians worldwide so that many of these patients treated at the institute will have access to specialized medical care upon returning to their home States or countries.

Of paramount importance to Dr. Barlogie are his wife Kathleen and their three children, Britta, Eva, and Bart. He loves them dearly and credits their support for his success. They have made their home in Little Rock, AR, and have added a number of their own contributions to our community and State.

We thank Dr. Barlogie for making Arkansas the center of his professional and personal life. His past and future achievements have truly helped make the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the Arkansas Cancer Research Center, and the Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy very respectable among the premier health care institutions in the State. More importantly, through his work, Dr. Barlogie has had concrete and positive impacts on the everyday lives of thousands of his patients. His commitment to this cause is incredible: he is saving

lives and providing hope for millions more.●

TRIBUTE TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ALLAN RAMSAY, JR.

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Allan Ramsay, Jr., assistant regional chief administrative law judge and Cleveland Hearing Office chief administrative law judge, who passed away on May 18, 2004.

I have always been a strong advocate of public service, and a staunch supporter of those who put service before self. Serving the citizens of the great State of Ohio for over 22 years, Judge Ramsay was one of those individuals. His dedication to his profession and to helping others reflected his compassion and devotion to his fellow citizens.

Appointed to the Cleveland Hearing Office of the Social Security Administration as an administrative law judge in 1982, Judge Ramsay worked tirelessly to improve the lives of more than 15,000 people who turned to the Social Security Administration in their times of need. From 1992 to 1997, he served as the chief administrative law judge in the Social Security Hearing Office in Columbus, OH. In 1997, he returned to Cleveland as the chief judge of that office, and in 1999 he became the assistant regional chief administrative law judge, while maintaining his leadership position in the Cleveland Hearing Office.

Throughout his distinguished career, Judge Ramsay touched the lives of countless individuals. His career is a shining example of public service of which the people of Ohio and the rest of the Nation should be proud.

Judge Ramsay held himself to a high standard and his service to our Nation reflects that. Judge Ramsay is survived by his wife, Beatrice, and his two children. In this time of great loss, my condolences go out to the entire Ramsay family. I can only hope that they will find solace in the thoughts and prayers of loved one, friends, and all those whose lives were bettered through his work.

May God bless Judge Allan Ramsay and his entire family.●

TRIBUTE TO R. PRESTON WOODRUFF, JR.

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an Arkansan who has committed over a quarter of a century of his life creating programs that enhance access to higher education for Arkansans.

During his tenure as chairman of the board of directors and then as executive director for the Arkansas Student Loan Authority, ASLA, Mr. R. Preston Woodruff, Jr., has unselfishly shared his knowledge and talents to ensure that students are equipped with the financial resources needed to become future leaders in our State and our Nation.

Programs established under Preston's leadership include: EdLoan—a

special loan for Arkansas teachers which offers incredibly low interest rates for those who choose to remain in Arkansas to teach in grades K through 12. Student Outreach Services—a program available to all Arkansas schools which provides materials and seminars to high school counselors and their students in order to promote the benefits of higher education and the means to achieve a higher education. Student Advantage Scholarships—25 scholarships awarded annually by ASLA. This program was formed as a means to create interest in the financial aid process and to provide funds to assist in gaining access to higher education. Honor Roll Student Loan Borrower Benefit Program—a program that offers the lowest student loan interest rates available to Arkansas students.

Preston was also instrumental in establishing the Education Finance Council, EFC, an association of not-for-profit State student loan secondary markets that played an important role in influencing legislation regarding the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

On June 30, 2004, Preston will officially retire from his position as executive director for ASLA. He is a living example of the many outstanding Americans who were born and educated in Arkansas, and I am privileged to recognize his tireless commitment to Arkansas students and outstanding leadership as executive director of the Arkansas Student Loan Authority.●

HONORING ERIC SIMON, GRADUATING SENIOR OF NEW PRAGUE HIGH SCHOOL, NEW PRAGUE, MN

● Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a fine young man, Eric Simon, who will be graduating from New Prague High School in Minnesota on Friday, June 4, 2004.

Eric Simon has earned my respect because of the extraordinary courage he has demonstrated in confronting one of life's most difficult challenges. Eric's father has AIDS, and he has lost his mother and sister to AIDS.

During the early 1980s, Eric's father, Douglas Simon, served in the Army National Guard at Fort Benning, GA and during his service he was injured and required emergency medical surgery. During surgery, Douglas Simon required a nine-unit blood transfusion. The blood he received had not been screened as it should have been, and it contained the AIDS virus.

Eric and his brother, Brian, were spared from the ravages of the disease, but they have had to shoulder adult responsibilities since they were children. Since he was a boy, Eric has handled the grocery shopping, worried about paying the bills and cared for his father.

Sometimes Eric has had to listen to some unpleasant and even mean-spirited comments from people who don't understand what his family has been

through. As a young person, Eric has often been challenged to be the bigger man, and to keep from being hurt by unkind remarks. It has not been easy.

Eric has also committed himself to his education. I understand at times that has been frustrating and, like all young men, Eric has sometimes been tempted to study less and hang out more. As the occasion of his graduation attests, however, Eric has risen to the challenge and succeeded.

In closing, I would like to extend my best wishes to Eric Simon on his high school graduation from New Prague High School. His commitment to his education and family are commendable and greatly admired. I am very proud of this young man. I congratulate him on a job well done.

I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Eric Simon of New Prague, MN on the occasion of his high school graduation.●

HONORING DR. FRED CHOLICK

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I publicly congratulate Dr. Fred Cholick on a very successful career as the dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at South Dakota State University. He has accepted the position as the new dean of agriculture at Kansas State University.

Over the years, Fred has been extraordinarily committed to South Dakota agriculture and SDSU. He is one of the most effective agriculture spokespersons the State has ever had. He speaks with compassion about the benefits of agriculture to our State's economy.

On a personal level, Fred quickly struck a close working relationship with my staff. He enjoyed working with my office when I secured a seat on the Senate Appropriations Committee and Fred experienced the same learning curve we did as we explored various ways to secure Federal funding for SDSU. Despite some setbacks, Fred always kept a positive outlook on the very precarious appropriations process and was incredibly honored that he had the opportunity to work on projects to benefit SDSU and South Dakota's agricultural community. Fred is a real ambassador for agriculture in the State and has done a very effective job at outreach to get everyone in South Dakota to understand the value of our agriculture economy.

Fred worked hard to ensure SDSU was a reputable university with respect to animal health, dairy, ruminant nutrition, biotech and other areas of research. He should be given particular credit for working with Associate Dean Kevin Kephart to develop the Sun Grant Initiative into something that may soon become a reality. His vision for the role renewable energy can play in agriculture is cutting edge. Fred has always been an effective advocate for all land grant universities, and that is why his colleagues around the country selected him as their spokesperson. So

while always loyal to South Dakota, Fred could effectively speak on behalf of all land grant schools across the United States.

He has developed strong relationships with his students as a teacher, as well as the dean of agriculture. He worked hard to ensure the students in the College of Agriculture were getting personal attention and a top-notch education. He cared deeply for those graduating and would help them find employment in their respective fields.

Fred was a real champion of value-added agriculture and worked hard to get farmers in South Dakota to understand how to capture larger profits from adding value to the raw goods produced on their operations.

Losing Fred is a huge loss to South Dakota and SDSU, and I personally know that he struggled with the decision to leave SDSU for Kansas State. But, in the end, I think it is his undying commitment to agriculture that led him to decide that Kansas State was the right move. His kind of leadership and character is exactly what the agricultural community needs to evolve and survive in the future. I wish nothing but the best for him and his family. It is with great honor that I share his impressive accomplishments with my colleagues.●

TRIBUTE TO JANE HINTON HART

● Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, today I honor a fellow Georgian, Mrs. Jane Hinton Hart. Mrs. Hart is retiring after more than 30 years of service in the U.S. Government. She was raised in Thomson, GA, where she graduated from Thomson High School in 1966, and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX, in 1970. She returned to Georgia and taught school in Augusta from January 1970 to June 1973.

Mrs. Hart began her Federal Government career on the staff of former Senator Sam Nunn, where she served the people of Georgia from 1973 to 1991. During her 18 years of service in Senator Nunn's office, Mrs. Hart worked the full spectrum of positions found in a congressional office. She began as a staff assistant and became a senior legislative assistant to the Senator and the liaison between the Senator's office and the military installations in the State of Georgia.

In 1991, Mrs. Hart moved from the Hill to the Office of Legislative Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, where she has served four commandants, Generals Mundy, Krulak, Jones, and Hagee. As a legislative specialist, she has been responsible for reviewing and researching numerous legislative issues to determine their impact on the U.S. Marine Corps. She has provided guidance and drafted legislative proposals for inclusion in the Department of Defense omnibus legislative packages. She works closely with the Legislative Affairs Offices of the Department of the Navy and Department of Defense.

In addition to Mrs. Hart's Government service, she has been an active

education advocate through various PTAs in Arlington County, VA, a volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America, a Sunday school teacher, and she reads monthly at a homeless shelter. She will complete her masters in reading education this fall and plans to return to the classroom and teach.

I wish Mrs. Hart, her husband, Jim, and their son, John, all the best. I am delighted that she came here from Georgia seeking to serve our Nation, and has done so with distinction for more than 30 years. Georgia is proud of Mrs. Hart's dedication, hard work and patriotism, and I wish for her many more years of continuing success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2003, the Secretary of the Senate, during the adjournment of the Senate, on May 24, 2004, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2092. An act to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS) on today, June 1, 2004.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7671. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spring Viremia of Carp; Payment of Indemnity" (Doc. No. 02-091-1) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7672. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal